



THROUGH HAZEL EYES

By Hazel Brannon Smith

Christmas comes again to a world torn by war and anxiety over a threatening third world war. In the turmoil of the hour we may be prone to overlook the event we are celebrating at this time — the birth of the Christ Child, the coming of the Prince of Peace.

The words seem to mock us as we view the unsettled conflict in Korea — the faint possibility of a truce.

Somewhere along the way we have fallen short of the great destiny intended for all mankind when Christ died on the cross a sinful world to save.

The world today has overextended itself. We have gone too far along the road to self-sufficiency — experimenting with ways to destroy human life rather than save it. We have tried to assume the prerogative that is God's.

Why we have done this we cannot explain — but we do know we have failed to better our relationships with the world — and the peoples of the world. Today we are viewed with suspicion and distrust all the way round the globe because of our possession of the atomic bomb. Even though the Marshall plan has been proclaimed a success we have not succeeded in solidly cementing a relationship in Europe that will stand the test of time.

It seems that we have relied on ourselves and our dollars far too much. We have left God out of the United Nations and he has been relegated to second place on the American scene. And we have made a terrible mess of things.

I believe the only solution of America's approaching crises must come from a higher power than our own — that we are going to be compelled to submit ourselves willingly to that higher power.

Now is the hour — and tomorrow may literally be too late. Nothing could be more appropriate at this Christmas-time than for us to try to find the way back to God.

Throughout the nation thousands of Christian men and women are praying daily that America will not become embroiled in another global war — that somehow or other wisdom will come to our leaders and prevent the catastrophe.

We urge every reader of this newspaper to join sincerely this through. Dependence upon ourselves has resulted in a colossal failure.

Let's give God a chance.

In this edition the merchants and business men of Durant extend to their friends and customers their wishes for a happy holiday season.

We should like to add our own wishes for the happiness of every News reader at Christmas-time and in the coming New Year. We hope everything good will come your way during the holiday season and the year ahead.

There will be no edition of The News next week.

We'll see you again in this column next year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Keep
Your
CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING
DOLLARS
AT HOME —
Where They
Will Come
Back To
You!

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Harold Davis Wins Bronze Star For Service In Korea

Durant Youth Wins Medal For Heroism In Enemy Action

Friends of Master Sergeant Harold L. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Davis, will be pleased to learn that he has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievements in Korea.

The following notice was sent to his parents in Durant:

Headquarters 7th Infantry Division

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL—By direction of the President, under the provision of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II WD Bul 3, 1944) and pursuant to authority in AR600-45, the Bronze Star Medal with Letter "V" device for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States is awarded to the following named enlisted man.

Master Sergeant, Harold L. Davis, RA39734242 (then Sergeant First Class Artillery, United States Army, a member of Headquarters Battery 31st Field Artillery Battalion, distinguished himself by heroic achievement near Chup'a-ri Korea. On October 13, 1951 while the battery was engaged in firing missions against the enemy, the battery area was subjected to an intense hostile artillery barrage. Sergeant Davis, in order to maintain the vital communications, continuously exposed himself to the danger of the shelling which continued for several hours. He further endangered himself by entering the impact area to gather data for a shelling report. Subsequently, he again exposed himself with complete disregard for his personal safety, to assist in administering first aid to the wounded and to evacuate them. Throughout the entire day, he constantly demonstrated courage and heroism and through his action casualties in the battery were held to a minimum. The heroic action displayed by Sergeant Davis reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from the State of Mississippi.

Heart Attack Fatal To Miss Moore

Rites Held Tuesday For Well Known Lexington Woman

Coming as a great shock to a wide circle of friends and relatives in Holmes County was the sudden death of Miss Mattie Deane Moore, who died Monday afternoon about 4:30 of a heart attack. She had been in apparently good health. Services were conducted Tuesday, December 18 at 2:30 p. m. at the residence of Mr. W. P. Hammett. The Rev. H. L. Smith, pastor of the Lexington Methodist Church, officiated with burial in Odd Fellows cemetery. Southern was in charge.

Miss Moore was born at Bowling Green and was 65. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Survivors are two sisters, Mrs. John Vandiver of Vaiden and Mrs. R. E. Stanley of Starkville. Pallbearers were: Harold Hammett, W. P. Hammett, Jr., Curtis Hammett, Ben Moore Hammett, Max Hammett and Joe Moore, Jr.

Expected Saturday
Cpl. Theodore Dinas is expected to arrive home Saturday from Camp Chaffee, Ark., for a 5-day holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Dinas. The Rev. Johnny Dinas will also come home and the entire family will go to Aberdeen to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Dinas. Mr. Henry Stephens and Johnny also will accompany them to Aberdeen.

At Home
Friends of Pfc. Aubrey McLellan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivy M. McLellan, and Pfc. Thomas Downer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Downer, are happy to see them home from their air base at Scott Field, Illinois, for the holidays. They will be home until January 9th.

Elizabeth Faye Autrey Rites Held Friday

Funeral services for Faye Elizabeth Autrey, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Ray Autrey of Clarksdale, were conducted on December 14 at Hayes Creek near Winona. Rev. Hammett, Baptist pastor of Winona officiated. Southern was in charge of arrangements. She died on Thursday, December 13, at the Clarksdale hospital.

She is survived by her parents, one brother David Ray Autrey, maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Collins of Winona, and the paternal grandmother, Mrs. C. S. Autrey of Durant.

Rites Held Thursday For Mrs. Edwards

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Odelle Edwards, Thursday, December 13th at 10:00 a. m. in the Southern Funeral Home. The Rev. Hayes Clark, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, officiated with burial in Tolarville cemetery. Southern was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Edwards died Wednesday morning at 6:30 at the Sanatorium. She had been in failing health for about four years.

She was born December 15, 1913, at Cruger and was the daughter of Mrs. Martha Ann McLean and the late John Thomas McLean. She was a member of the Tolarville Baptist Church.

Survivors are her husband, J. C. Edwards, one daughter, Mrs. Raymond Rodgers, one brother, T. M. McLean, and two sisters, Mrs. Tom Alexander and Miss Webb McLean.

Pallbearers were Bluford Taylor, John Pettus, J. D. Hartcock, L. E. Mabry, W. L. Holly and E. O. Jones.

Internal Parasites Causes Are Listed

Poor management, over loading pastures, and short grass are the chief causes of internal parasites in cattle.

The proper treatment of parasite infested cattle will remove the parasites, but unless the management is improved on an infested farm the cattle will become reinfested. It would pay every producer to follow good management practices, for parasite infested cattle aren't profitable for the farmer who raises them.

Stocker cattle being purchased to go on winter pastures should be treated for internal parasites. This is not only important from the standpoint of the cattle, but it also protects against infecting clean pastures.

Good herd and pasture management should be the aim of every producer, however, when cattle become parasitized they should be treated.

Phenothiazine is the drug of choice against the intestinal parasites which affect cattle. The standard dose is 20 grams (about 2-3 ounces) for each hundred weight, the total dose does not exceed 60 grams (about 2 ounces). Usually the best control is achieved by treating young stock just prior to each grazing season, and at other times when infestations occur. Phenothiazine may be given in the feed, capsules, boluses, or as a drench. Follow Manufacturer's directions.

Wormy, unthrifty cattle are unprofitable to the producer, so carry out good management practices. Then if you fail, use the treatment.

Two Lexington Boys Tapped For ODK

Two Lexington boys, Henry Paris and Bobby Berman, have been tapped for membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, national honorary leadership fraternity, at the University of Mississippi.

Selection of members of this fraternity is based upon scholarship, character and leadership abilities. Selection is considered one of the highest honors obtainable in school.

Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Paris and recently elected by popular vote as Colonel Rebel, is a senior and will be graduated in the Spring.

Bobby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Berman, is a junior.

Both boys have made splendid records since entering college and have a wide circle of friends who will share, with their parents, pleasure in their accomplishments.

AT CHRISTMAS

A man is at his finest towards the finish of the year; He is almost what he should be when the Christmas season's here; Then he's thinking more of others than he's thought the months before.

And the laughter of his children is a joy worth toiling for. He is less a selfish creature than at any other time; When the Christmas spirit rules him he comes close to the sublime.

When it's Christmas man is bigger and is better in his part; He is Keener for the service that is prompted by the heart. All the petty thoughts and narrow seem to vanish for awhile And the true reward he's seeking is the glory of a smile. Then for others he is toiling and somehow it seems to me That at Christmas he is almost what God wanted him to be.

If I had to paint a picture of a man I think I'd wait Till he'd fought his selfish battles and had put aside his hate I'd not catch him at his labors when his thoughts are all of self. On the long days and the dreary when he's striving for himself. I'd not take him when he's sneering, when he's scornful or depressed, But I'd look for him at Christmas when he's shining at his best.

Man is ever in a struggle and he's oft misunderstood; There are days the worst that's in him is the master of the good, But at Christmas kindness rules him and he puts himself aside And his petty hates are vanquished and his heart is opened wide. Oh, I don't know how to say it, but some how it seems to me That at Christmas man is almost what God sent him here to be.

—Edgar A. Guest.

A Letter To Deer Hunters

Dear Mr. Deer Hunter:

We don't know your name, your address or your hunting companions, the only thing we do know is the damage you've done. Not only have you destroyed ninety-four acres of fine young timber, but your fire destroyed 30 units of peel pulpwood, resulting in total damage of \$1113.00.

You didn't start the fire on purpose, you were just negligent in regards to the safety of someone else's property. From all evidence we could find your fire probably started in the following manner: It was cold the morning of November 22 as you waited on your stand for the dogs to be turned loose so you built a warming fire. It was just a little harmless fire that you quickly left when you heard the dogs jump a deer. You had taken no precautions to keep your fire under control so it got away into the woods. The fire burned for two hours before it was reported by the Game Warden and it was another hour before Mr. J. F. Sample and his crew arrived on the fire which was enough time to let your little warm-up fire develop into a raging inferno. Mr. Sample asked for help and the other available crew was sent to his aid. For six hot weary hours the crews fought the stubborn blaze before it was extinguished.

This was just one of the many fires caused by deer hunters that was fought by the Mississippi Forest Service throughout the state. All the fires were caused by carelessness or negligence. Your fire occurred on Mr. Jessie Milton's property about 2 miles east of Mileston. Mr. Milton told the fire crews that he hated to keep hunters off his property, but that from now on his posted signs would mean that if anyone was caught he would be prosecuted.

It is instances like yours, Mr. Deer Hunter, which are causing more and more landowners to close their land to the public. So please be careful and follow a few common sense rules while you are in the woods.

1. Be sure matches and cigarettes are out. (Break them to be doubly sure).
2. Take a wide, clear path around your fire and be sure it is out before you leave it.
3. Do not burn off buck-vise fields to drive deer out, this is against the game laws and destroys valuable hardwood young growth.

In the future, "Mr. Deer Hunter," please observe all the rights of the landowners, so that public hunting can continue in Mississippi.

Sincerely yours,

E. P. McMILLAN, Jr.,
Area Forester, and Fire Crews
of Holmes County.

Jesus, The Perfect Man

All of our readers have heard about the great editor of The Commercial Appeal at Memphis, the late and beloved C. P. J. Mooney. Many of the old timers recall his writings with pleasure. The younger generation has not been fortunate enough to read after Mr. Mooney—so for their benefit we are reprinting this week a Christmas editorial written by Mr. Mooney for the December 22, 1912, issue of The Commercial Appeal.

This editorial entitled, "Jesus, The Perfect Man," has been described as one of the most beautiful and effective editorials ever penned by Mr. Mooney, and we believe our readers will enjoy it as much today as when it was first written.

Certainly the sentiments so beautifully expressed are just as true today as they were when written—just as true as when the world began.

There is no other character in history like that of Jesus. As a preacher, as a doer of things, and as a philosopher, no man had the sweep and the vision of Jesus.

A human analysis of the human actions of Jesus brings to view a rule of life that is amazing in its perfect detail. The system of ethics Jesus taught during His earthly sojourn 2,000 years ago was true then, has been true in every country since, and will be true forever.

Plato was a great thinker and learned in his age, but his

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Durant Youth Is Promoted to Sergeant

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Oklahoma City, Okla. (Special)—Marion B. Bishop, son of Mrs. K. Bishop, Durant, has been promoted to technical sergeant at Tinker Air Force Base.

Technical Sergeant Bishop is assigned to the 2792nd Medical Group as senior cook. He is a veteran of 11 years service.

Tinker Air Force Base is headquarters for the Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area, serving ten midwestern states.

Prominent Pickens Matron Taken By Death Friday

Rites Held Saturday For Mrs. Hoover In Pickens

Rites for Mrs. Josephine Swayze Hoover, member of a prominent Holmes County family, were held Saturday, December 15, at 2:00, in her home at Pickens.

Mrs. Hoover was found in bed early Friday morning by a servant, when she failed to respond to a call. The Rev. C. W. Curtis, pastor of the Methodist Church in Pickens officiated. Burial was in Pickens cemetery with Maxwell and Owen in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Hoover was a member of the Methodist church and was active in church and civic affairs. She was born in Yazoo County and moved to Pickens when she married the late W. H. Hoover, prominent merchant and planter.

Surviving are two sons, H. S. McKie, Sr., mayor of Pickens, and J. D. McKie of Pickens; one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Swayze of Raymondville, Texas, and one brother, Clayton Swayze of Yazoo City. She also leaves six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was a great aunt of Mrs. Parham H. Williams of Lexington.

Pallbearers were her nephews and grandsons.

34 Students Named On HJC Honor Roll

GOODMAN (Special)—Holmes County Agricultural High and Junior College has a total of 34 students to make the honor roll for the second six-weeks period, October 15-December 1.

Johnny Yarborough of Pickens led the 12th grade with all A's while three other class mates made the honor roll, Charlie Dickerson, Mary Myers, and Jean Ella Worthey. The 11th grade had three honor students with two making all A's. Ann Neaves and Roger Courts were the A-students while Johnny Davis made the select list. The 10th grade had the following on the honor roll: Annie Ruth Browning, Eprain Arriajaz, Marion Jenkins and Harry Kaplan.

The HJC freshmen led the sophomores 15-8 in making the select list for this grade period. Freshmen: Annie Branch, Elizabeth Cartrett, Louise Chamblee, Marjorie Cook, Bobby Dickerson, Pauline Hand, Henry Hardy, Samuel Massey (All A's), Janie Thornton, Clara Tullerson, Evelyn Watkins (All A's), and Joyce Woodruff. Sophomores: Freddy Ray (all A's), Darnell Fulgham, Fritz Johnson, Polly Jordan, Patsy Lorange, Donald Phillips, J. W. Richardson, and Mai Stainbrook.

Bond Cites Complaints On Assistance Checks

During the last several years, a few complaints have come in from various sections of the state to the effect that operators of small grocery stores sometimes try to force old people drawing old age assistance to come to their stores to get their checks cashed, according to W. F. Bond, Commissioner of the State Department of Public Welfare.

This is definitely against the Federal law and any operator of a store doing this lays himself liable to prosecution, Mr. Bond said. Old age assistance clients have the right to spend their checks in whatever way they please so long as it is used to supply their needs.

Durant BB Boys Down Lexington 49-38

Honeybees Win 32-29 In Thrilling Game At Durant Gym

The Durant basketball team split a doubleheader at the Durant gym Tuesday night. The Honeybees beat the Durant girls by a score of 32-29, but the Hornets were on the short end of a 49-38 score.

The Durant boys handled the Hornets their second defeat of the year. Durant took an early lead and the Hornets could never catch up with them. Collins of Durant was high scorer with 16 points. Lipsey, Shepherd and Smith of Lexington each got 8 points.

The girls' game was closely fought and proved to be a thriller.

Christmas Seal Purchases Aid Research Projects

The people of Holmes County through their annual purchases Christmas seals are actively supporting research projects against tuberculosis being carried on throughout the nation, according to Mrs. Nick Shelton, president of the Holmes County Tuberculosis Association.

"It is impossible to over emphasize the importance of research in the battle against tuberculosis," said Mrs. Shelton. Research gave us the knowledge that tuberculosis is caused by a germ, that it is spread from person to person, that is not inherited. Research led to the discovery and development of the X-ray which is today a valuable aid in finding and diagnosing tuberculosis. More recently, research has resulted in the discovery of drugs which have proved valuable in treating certain types of tuberculosis.

"But tuberculosis is a tough and stubborn foe," Mrs. Shelton stressed, "and we have still a great deal to learn about the germ which caused the disease and how it can best be combated. Medical research is seeking to find the answers to the many problems which must be solved if we are ever to conquer this disease."

"A portion of every Christmas seal dollar goes to research on tuberculosis. This research is being conducted by 20 laboratories throughout the country," Mrs. Shelton concluded. "Christmas seal purchases are helping outstanding trained scientists in their efforts to speed the day when we can really conquer tuberculosis."

Holmes Teams Remain Undeclared In Play

By R. W. Almond

GOODMAN (Special)—The local basketball teams from Holmes have been able to remain undefeated through the first three weeks of play in the Junior College Conference. Both teams won at home last week over Northwest teams and won both return games played at Senatobia Saturday night, Dec. 15th.

The Holmes girls won last week at home, score 46-28 over the Rangerettes from Northwest and ran up a 52-33 score in their game at Senatobia Saturday night. The Holmes Quint won at home 74-57 and took the final of the series between the two schools Saturday at Northwest, score 61-48. The high scorer in the game at Senatobia was Melvin Gibson, Holmes guard, with 22 points. Billy Bigby scored 16 for Holmes. Jay Bird, Ranger forward, led his team with 17 points. Geneva Ballard, elongated Holmes center, led all scorers in the girls' game with 21 points. Patty Burton, a teammate followed with 18. Jimmy Croston led the Northwest girls with 11 points.

The Holmes teams have impressive wins over Perkinston and Jones of Ellisville in addition to the double wins for both teams over Northwest. Holmes will play Sunflower at Moorhead this week to conclude their pre-holiday part of the 1951-52 schedule.